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Alleged transfer of Andhra officers and staff from the Secretariat.

* 1021 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state— 8-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Andhra officers and Andhra Ministerial staff working in the Secretariat at Madras are being transferred on a big scale to the districts from January 1953 : and if so, what are the special reasons that have led to such large-scale transfers and the clearing of the Secretariat of Andhra officers and Ministerial staff ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that promotions of non-Andhra Government servants to responsible and supervisory posts in the various Government departments have been taking place at an accelerated pace ever since January 1953 ; and if so, what are the special reasons for such large-scale promotions of non-Andhra personnel in Government service to key posts?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) There is no transfer of officers or staff from the Secretariat to the districts either on a big scale or even on a small scale.

" (*b*) There has been no promotion of non-Andhra Government servants to responsible and supervisory posts in various Government departments as alleged."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that a number of officers absolutely ignorant of Telugu are posted to Telugu districts, particularly in departments like the Co-operative department, which deal very closely with the people? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Is the question now put related to the question already put, namely, that we are doing something now, specially? "

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If so, I have already answered ' No ' Sir."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" With regard to the answer to clause (*b*) of the same question. I would like to have some elucidation. I want to know whether there have been no promotions at all during the period in question."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Of anybody in the world? "

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Only in Madras State."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" In every State promotions cannot be stopped on account of the discussions here. Naturally, there are promotions. But the question was as to particular classes of Government servants and particular operations, and I have said definitely ' No '."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Why should an impending event obstruct the present course of routine administration, which is necessary in the public interests? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It should not, and there has not been any such difficulty. Government do not find much difficulty in stopping promotions for a few weeks."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" How many persons have been given promotion among the non-Andhras and the Andhras? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A classification of promotions according to Andhras and non-Andhras is unnecessary now. I have said definitely that there has been no promotion of non-Andhra Government servants as alleged in the question. Any further question as to promotions and classifications of promotions in the Andhra and non-Andhra categories is not desirable now. If there is any complaint, the officers will make complaints."

Cholera in Nellore and Kovur taluks.

* 1022 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what permanent measures are taken to prevent the recurring outbreak of cholera in Nellore and Kovur taluks?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The following measures have been undertaken to prevent recurrence of the outbreak of cholera :—

(1) As the most important cholera preventive measure is provision of protected water-supplies, a programme of well constructions under the rural water-supply scheme is under execution in Nellore and Kovur taluks. Three wells in Nellore taluk and two wells in Kovur taluk were constructed during the year 1952 and it is proposed to sink seven wells in Nellore taluk and thirteen wells in Kovur taluk during 1953. The wells for the 1953 programme are under execution. In addition, chlorination of all the drinking water wells is done systematically during epidemic times by a special staff appointed for the purpose.

(2) As the construction of sanitary conveniences of the ' flush-out ' type is another important preventive measure, propaganda is being carried out for construction of such latrines by the villagers.

(3) As cholera cases in the two taluks occur among, and spread through, agricultural labour migrating from dry taluks of the district, in the months of July and August, and January and February, intensive campaigns every year for protecting this migrating labour with anti-cholera vaccine are being done."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" In the case of those who are actually stricken with cholera, during the epidemic season, what